

--8. (amended) Absorbent article according to claim 2, characterized in that the length of the legs (15, 16) is 20-350 mm, preferably 50-150 mm.--

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--9. (amended) Absorbent article according to claim 2, characterized in that the length of the ridge-like elevation (20) is at least 10 mm.--

--10. (amended) Absorbent article according to claim 2, characterized in that the ridge like elevation has a top portion constituting an upper part of the ridge like elevation and that the width of the ridge-like elevation (20) is 0.1-20 mm, preferably 1-8 mm, at the top portion of the ridge-like elevation (20).--

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Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE."

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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

5 An absorbent article such as a sanitary napkin, an incontinence  
guard, a diaper, or a panty-liner, has a substantially elongated  
shape with a longitudinal direction and a transverse direction  
and exhibits two side edges (9, 10), a front edge (11) and a  
rear edge (12), a front portion (6) and a rear portion (7), and  
a central portion (8) situated between the front portion (6) and  
the rear portion (7) The article furthermore exhibits a liquid-  
pervious cover layer (2) and a liquid-impervious cover layer (3)  
and an absorbent body (4). The rear portion (7) of the absorbent  
body (4) includes a layer (17) that is split in a first leg (15)  
and a second leg (16) with a gap between the legs (15, 16),  
where an angle  $\alpha$  is defined between the first leg (15) and the  
second leg (16), and an elastic member (19) is placed between  
the first leg (15) and the second leg (16), which elastic member  
15 (19) essentially extends in the longitudinal direction.

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Claims 6-10 have been amended as follows:

--6. (amended) Absorbent article according to ~~any~~  
~~of the claims 2-5~~**claim 2**, characterized in that  
the elastic member (19) may be placed in any of the layers that  
builds the absorbent article (1).--

--7. (amended) Absorbent article according to ~~any~~  
~~of the claims 2-6~~**claim 2**, characterized in that  
the angle  $\alpha$  is between 100-1200, preferably 150-400.--

--8. (amended) Absorbent article according to ~~any~~  
~~of the claims 2-7~~**claim 2**, characterized in that  
the length of the legs (15, 16) is 20-350 mm, preferably 50-150  
mm.--

--9. (amended) Absorbent article according to ~~any~~  
~~of the claims 2-8~~**claim 2**, characterized in that  
the length of the ridge-like elevation (20) is at least 10 mm.--

--10. (amended) Absorbent article according to ~~any~~  
~~of the claims 2-9~~**claim 2**, characterized in that  
the ridge like elevation has a top portion constituting an upper  
part of the ridge like elevation and that the width of the

ridge-like elevation (20) is 0.1-20 mm, preferably 1-8 mm, at the top portion of the ridge-like elevation (20).--

The Abstract has been amended as follows:

ABSTRACT ~~OF THE DISCLOSURE~~

~~The invention refers to an~~ ~~An~~ absorbent article such as a sanitary napkin, an incontinence guard, a diaper, or a panty-liner, ~~which article has~~ a substantially elongated shape with a longitudinal direction and a transverse direction and exhibits two side edges (9, 10), a front edge (11) and a rear edge (12), a front portion (6) and a rear portion (7), and a central portion (8) situated between the front portion (6) and the rear portion (7). The article furthermore exhibits a liquid-pervious cover layer (2) and a liquid-impervious cover layer (3) and an absorbent body (4). ~~The invention is characterized in that the~~ rear portion (7) of the absorbent body (4) ~~comprises~~ ~~includes~~ a layer (17) that is split in a first leg (15) and a second leg (16) with a gap between the legs (15, 16), where an angle  $\alpha$  is defined between the first leg (15) and the second leg (16), and ~~that~~ an elastic member (19) is placed between the first leg (15) and the second leg (16), which elastic member (19) essentially extends in the longitudinal direction.

~~(Fig. 1)~~